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TO : General Counsel

FROM : Acting Director of Training

SUBJECT: Relief of [REDACTED]  
from Jury Duty

DATE: 27 February 1956

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1. [REDACTED] who is an instructor in the Counter-espionage Operations Course, Office of Training, has received a summons to serve as a juror. She is to appear on 1 March 1956 in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 3rd Street and John Marshall Place, N.W., Washington, D. C. On the advice of the Office of Security, [REDACTED] called the Clerk of the Court to inquire about the possibility of being relieved from this duty. She was referred to Mr. Bellinger who stated that such action would require a letter from the Agency on her behalf to the Honorable Bolitha J. Laws, judge of this court.

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2. This summons has come at a most inopportune time as OTR is now in the midst of preparing a new Counterespionage Operations Course for advanced students which is scheduled to begin on 19 March 1956. [REDACTED] who is assistant to [REDACTED] the Chief Instructor, has a vital role in the completion of these preparations and OTR, without her assistance, will be unable to meet its commitments to provide training in this specialty. There are no other instructors who are qualified to replace her at this time. Her absence would cause a serious setback to a vitally needed course. This first running has been already oversubscribed by three times the maximum enrollment. And even with [REDACTED] full services, OTR will be able during the remainder of 1956 to provide instruction for only about fifty percent of the present student backlog.

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3. The Office of Training wholeheartedly believes that its members should fulfill their duty as citizens; several have recently concluded jury duty. I believe, however, because of the urgency of the requirement placed upon OTR for CE instruction, that we are justified in requesting that action be taken to obtain the relief of [REDACTED] from jury duty and I therefore ask that the appropriate representations be made.

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